

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are now present in this application.

The specification and claim 7 have been amended, and claims 9 and 10 have been presented. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Chou, U.S. Patent 6,304,443. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The patent to Chou discloses a power supply equipped with extractable fan deck. The Examiner has noted positioning posts 131 as apparently equating to the first fastening element of the present application. As seen in Fig. 2, a fan deck 21 is provided. However, when referring to Fig. 3, it can be seen that this fan deck 21 is mounted behind the wall 132 of the rear board 13. The positioning posts 131 are provided on the opposite side of the rear board 13. These positioning posts are disposed on the rear board 13 to enable the power supply units 3 to couple with a slot 41 aligned on the first circuit board 14, as discussed in column 2, lines 10-14. Thus, these positioning posts 131 are not used for fixing the fan.

The present invention, on the other hand, provides for an anchor structure for fans. The fan has through holes formed on corners to engage with coupling members. These coupling members include a first fastening element and a second fastening element. The first fastening element extends through the through holes which are on the fan. This is simply not found in the Chou reference. Independent claim 1 sets forth an arrangement which is neither suggested nor rendered obvious by the utilized prior art.

In addition, the dependent claims further distinguish the instant invention. For example, dependent claim 9 sets forth that the first fastening elements are detachably mounted in the

anchor structure. In other words, they can be taken out and removed from the anchor structure. They are not fixed to the fan or other elements. Of course, when the second fastening elements are fixed therein, they are held in place. However, it is possible to detach these. In the Chou reference, the posts 131 are mounted on the rear board 13.

In addition, independent claim 1 brings out that the first fastening element runs through the through hole from a rear end thereof. The second fastening element runs through a front end of the through hole. Thus, the first and second fastening elements have a fan disposed between them. Again, this is not the case in the Chou reference. While there are screws (unlabeled in Fig. 2) which go through openings in the sub-frame 22, these screws do not bolt to the fan or posts 131. The fan deck 21 is clamped between the sub-frame 22 and the rear board 13. As shown in Fig. 3, there is a top mounted screw but, again, the posts 131 are not what holds the fan in position. Dependent claim 10 further brings out that the first fastening element and second fastening element extend in a direction which is parallel to a rotational axis of the fan. In other words, these extend through the fans. The screws (which are just below reference numeral 2 in Fig. 3 of Chou) extend in an opposite direction. These screws should not be considered as the first or second fastening elements.

Nonetheless, independent claim 1 should make it clear that the anchor structure of the instant invention is neither suggested nor rendered obvious by the prior art utilized by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the 35 USC 102(b) rejection now be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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